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CHAPTER X.—Continued.

"That probably means they went southwest." Alan remarked, and his short laugh was not pleasant. "You're natural and easy-like, but it won't get by with us. We've nailed too many lars in our time. I want to know who this party of yours is, where they came from, how they got into this country, what they know about that pack of otter pelts got into Trader MacMillan's storage shed. I want to know the man who killed Jimmy Montgomery there on the 'Midnight Sun.' Now get busy."

He clicked the safety on his automatic and brought his elbow up against his side.

Chink Woolley trembled, his knees shook, he wailed. He guessed that this man must be the Baker fellow, is sergeant terrible, whom Meti Andre always mentioned in lowered voice. Those hypnotic gray eyes seemed to be boring through him. That heavy automatic was tilted to make his next lie the last. And if he turned king's evidence, he might escape the noose.

It was a strange story that Alan and Bill listened to, there on the island in the heart of Many Waters.

Eighteen months ago, on a whaler in Beaufort sea, the five whites, excluding the half-breed Andre whom they picked up later, had "run a buck" under Jensen's instigation, but were overpowered by the captain and rest of the crew. Flung ashore with the skipper's squalid goods at bleak Demarcator Point on the Arctic coast, they made their way across the Romanzoff's to the new placer fields in the Kayukuk headwaters. They came too late to get worthwhile claims; and they discovered, too, that "hawking" in the perpetually-frozen subsoil was even harder work than whaling.

It was Jensen, brooding over their predicament, who conceived the idea that it was easier to find gold which already lay buried than to thaw a hole thirty feet down to black sand and bedrock and then maybe get nothing. It was Jensen who allayed their fears and dangled the golden lure in front of their eyes till their mouths watered and they were ready for anything he planned.

Andre the half-breed was a find. He fitted into the party like a key into

a lock. They were crassly ignorant of the country; they were tyros when it came to travelling, hiding, living in the bush. But Andre the 'breed was bush-wise as a weasel and water-wise as a muskrat mink, and he knew the whole north country from Roes Welcome to Point Barrow as he knew the palm of his hand.

It was Andre who had brought the party into this strange country, by back rivers and untraversed trails, avoiding all sight of men, so that they seemed to have dropped from the sky. It was Andre who suggested the place of attack on the "Midnight Sun," and the Thal-Azazah as a place to hide in after the swoop and robbery. And it was "breed" Andre's sharp-speaking Savage that drilled Jimmy Montgomery through the heart.

Alan Baker breathed a little harshly. He ordered, "Describe that 'breed.' And he added, "So there will be no mistake when I meet him."

Woolley described his meti confederate. Alan nodded curtly. After a few moments' silence, he spoke again: "Now about Trader MacMillan. How did that pack of furs get in his shed?"

"Jensen put it there."

"Why?"

Woolley did not know all the details, but from hints Jensen had dropped he was able to piece the story together pretty well.

Several years ago at Herschel Island, that gathering place for whalers, Indians, traders, Eskimos and Arctic explorers, Jensen had run afoul of Dave MacMillan. He had come ashore from a whaler, hungry for drink and hungry for woman's company after eight months of following the herds. He had found the drink, and in a whisky haze had started to make rough love to fifteen-year-old Joyce MacMillan.

Dave MacMillan fell upon him. For years now Jensen had been nursing his hairy chin remissively where MacMillan's hard fist had caught him; and his ears still rang with the derisive jeers of those who saw him dog-whipped down across the swells and over the shingle to the whaler.

He had never forgotten the MacMillan girl nor the incident of that snowy October day. The incident had smoldered in his vengeful soul; and when his party passed the trading post, it had flared out. It was a neat stroke, putting that comparatively worthless bauble of furs in the shed of the man who had dog-whipped him. He had counted on the trader discovering them, wondering about them, innocently calling the attention of the police to them, and getting into hot water when he failed to explain how they got there.

The revelation of Dave MacMillan's complete innocence was no surprise to Alan but merely a proof that his and Joyce's instinctive belief had been correct. Now he could know that in buying out of service he had saved the reputation and possibly the very life of Joyce's father. Under Haskell's tyranny he could never have vindicated Dave. In his own way he had planned, and had fought through to this partial triumph.

Writing down the essential points of this confession, he forced Woolley to make his mark on the paper, with himself and Bill as witnesses. He made a second copy for Bill, in case something happened to Bill or him. Then he demanded of Woolley:

"You say those other men went hunting. When are you expecting them back?"

Woolley did not know. He seemed strangely hesitant. Fidgeting uneasily he would glance up at Alan and then away, as though he had something to tell but was afraid to tell it.

Alan saw his agitation. He demanded: "What're you stumbling over? Cooking up some lie?"

The man wetted his dry twitching lips. "You'll not kill me if I tell you the truth—where they went? You may be git back dere on de Aloska in time to save de girl."

"On the Aloska—in time to save the girl?" Alan jerked as though a bullet had sung past his throat. His face went suddenly pale. "You mean Joyce MacMillan? What about her? Tell it, or by G—d I'll choke it out of you! Open up. What about her? What do you mean—'in time to save her?' I'll not kill you if you tell."

Woolley stammered: "Dey went down de Aloska to git her. It's Jensen's idee. He's aimin' to take her along on de escape and keep her for himself. He's all burnin' about dat girl."

His shaky voice trailed off. He shrank back in quivering dread from the expression that had come into Baker's eyes.

For a little while, a few moments only, Alan stared unseeing out across the waters of the great blue lake. To wait here, until the bandits came back? Not that they'd be three days and nights on the long trip.

Joyce would be helpless all



down, examining the broken twigs, the wilted leaves, the crushed nettles, he read that all this had happened three hours ago and that the criminals were thirty or forty miles up the spruce-buried Aloska, with Joyce their prisoner.

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Work Savors Of Magic

English Potter Makes Flower Pot By Hand In Twenty Seconds

Today in modern England you can see potters working in the same way as they did in the times of the Bible. The reason is that every garden flower pot is moulded by hand on a wheel practically identical in design with that used in biblical times. There's no need for machinery, for the potter can make a pot in twenty seconds. One large pottery is in Sussex, a county famous for its clay. The clay lies in layers. The top layer is used for bricks; next comes the yellow "ile" clay, and then the good red pottery clay—strongest of all—which is made into flower pots. The clay is first dumped into tanks of water, where it lies for a week. Then it goes to the mill and is finely ground. From the mill it is taken in half-hundred weight blocks to the room where the "pot spinners"—as they are called—sit at their wheels.

A spinner first weighs out his lumps of clay—1½ lb. goes to a 5-inch pot—and piles them up beside his wheel. The wheel which is horizontal, stands in a shallow sink, half-full of warm water. The spinner seizes a lump of clay, puts it in the wheel. It gives in his hand as though made of rubber. It takes twenty seconds to make a five-inch pot.

No one appeared at the doorway of the trading store. No one, with hair shimmering in the sun, came running down the path to greet them.

Their shouts at the landing brought no answer from a girl's lips or from old Pence. In some measure prepared, Alan called Joyce's name as he strode into the trading hall. He called but once; he looked but once into her har-

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"I'll Not Kill You If You Tell."

Buzzard came running to him with a piece of paper in his hands. His face was lit with elation.

"Alan! Alan! Luckiest thing in our whole d—d lives! Look here, read this! Joyce and old Pence had left; weren't here when that pack came! Went after caribou! Almost too good to be true!"

Alan grasped the note and read. It was in Joyce's fine swift handwriting. No doubt about that. It stated that she and Pence had gone to Black Timber lake thirty miles north to get caribou and would be back in two days, in case a patrol happened past.

Alan studied the note for half a minute. His face did not relax.

"You too good to be true," he commented slowly. "Don't you see?—this note is addressed to Constable Larry Young. Why did Joyce do that? She knows Larry's not patroling, knows he is at Endurance all shot up; and she knows we know it. Don't you see what she tried to do? It was her only way of telling us that something was wrong. She had to write this note as they dictated it, but she tricked them."

"It's so, it's so," Buzzard agreed. "She tricked them under their very eyes, and counted on us to understand."

From room to room—Joyce's room, her father's, the kitchen, the trading hall, the ground outside—Alan went carefully, noting signs, reading the story of what had happened.

Nothing about the woods was disturbed. There were no signs of a struggle or fight. Joyce's light rifle still hung on a peg in her room. Its barrel inside was clean and shiny; the weapon had not been fired. Joyce must have been surprised and over-powered without a chance to fight back.

At the clearing edge Alan found a trampled spot in a thicket where five men had lain and watched. Kneeling

down, examining the broken twigs, the wilted leaves, the crushed nettles, he read that all this had happened three hours ago and that the criminals were thirty or forty miles up the spruce-buried Aloska, with Joyce their prisoner.

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Asking for Equality

Germany Wants Air Fleets If Other Nations Have Them

Germany officially raised the question of her right to equality in armaments, both in the air and under the sea, at the world disarmament conference.

The German delegate introduced amendments to the British disarmament plan which were regarded as a tantamount to serving notice that unless military and naval aeroplanes and submarines are abolished, the German government will want air fleets and submarine fleets.

These amendments, which caused something of a sensation, created the impression at the conference that Germany expects to participate in the conference of the big naval powers slated for 1935.

Optimism prevailed that a compromise would be found whereby the German reichswehr, a long-term voluntary service army, would be gradually disbanded and all of continental Europe would return to the conscript system.

Canadian Standard Measures

Though frequently used in Canada, there are certain standards of weights and measures in vogue in some of the United States that are illegal in the Dominion. The United States pint, quart, and gallon, for instance, are 16.6 per cent. less in capacity than the Canadian (Imperial) legal standards.

Insects To Save Oak Tree

Parasites have been commissioned to save three 60-year-old oak trees in St. Mary's churchyard in New Plymouth, N.Z. They have been attacked by a pest known as the oak scale. Scientists of Cawthron Institute supplied the insects packed in a special container, which has been fastened to the trees, and the battle is on.

Travel between Canton and Peiping, China, is to be opened shortly.

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Mr. Jas. Craig has been busy putting on siding and repainting the front of the Irma Trading Co.'s store during the past week.

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Mr. Richardson, of Viking, has taken over the dental practice at Irma of Dr. Murray and will from now until every Friday where he will continue to be in the rear of the Drug Store.

Rev. J. R. Geeson intends to be back for the usual church services next Sunday, June 4th.

The Irma L. O. L. and L. O. B. A. will take part in the 12th of July celebration being held in Wainwright this year.

Buckskin Flats Stampede, June 21. Admission adults 50c; children free. Everybody come for a big time. 2-16c

Mr. F. McDowell of Edmonton, spent last Friday and Saturday in Irma on business.

The second baseball game between Coal Springs and Irma was played on Saturday evening resulting in a win for Coal Springs by a score of 7 to 6.

Mr. Frank Wiese motored to Edmonton last Monday morning on business.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Frickleton are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a fine baby boy, born Monday morning, May 29, in the Wainwright hospital—Malcolm James.

Mr. Ireland arrived from Calgary, Monday morning, to take Mr. A. Gamble's place as teller of the local bank.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Foxwell and daughter, Joyce, accompanied by Mr. N. S. Johnson motored to Edmonton Tuesday evening on business and returned Wednesday.

Miss Myrtle Fitzpatrick, Irma hair dresser, spent Wednesday, May 31st, at Crescent Hill visiting her folks.

Mrs. M. K. McLeod, accompanied Mr. Frickleton to the Wainwright hospital Wednesday afternoon to see her new grandson.

McFarland & Co. have had the chimes and roof of their store repaired during the past week. Arthur and Vernon Peterson did the work.

Mr. James Carter of the Alma Matador district was the successful applicant for the job of delivering the mail over the two rural routes out of Irma, according to word received on Tuesday last.

On Saturday last Mr. A. Gamble of the staff of the Bank of Montreal received word that he and Mr. Ireland of the Elbow Park branch, Calgary, were to exchange places. Mr. Gamble will be greatly missed in Irma on account of the active part he took in the social life of the village, particularly in connection with the church and young people's organizations.

Mr. C. H. Magee of Stettler, accompanied by his mother visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Fenlon on Thursday, May 25th. Mr. Magee returned home by way of Edmonton the next day leaving Mrs. Magee for a visit with Irma relatives.

Irma was well represented at the Vermilion sports on May 24th, having four baseball teams competing. The Tuxis boys team, 18 years and under, winning first place in their class was the only successful team, the other three teams all meeting defeat. Everyone reports having a fine time.

Mr. J. H. Elliott met with a painful accident on Sunday afternoon, May 28th, when she fell down the cellar stairs at her home and broke her hip which necessitated taking her to the Wainwright hospital on Monday's train. Mrs. Elliott who had just nicely recovered from a serious operation last winter has now received a setback which will probably prevent her from taking an active part in her household duties.

Mrs. N. S. Johnson took her son, Garth, to an Edmonton specialist on Monday last. A few days before, Garth complained of a sore knee and, although several remedies were tried, the condition did not improve. Mrs. Johnson's mother, Mrs. Stouffer, accompanied them to Edmonton.

The regular meeting of the Ladies' Aid will be held at the home of Mrs. M. D. Askin on Thursday next, June 8th. The ladies are cordially invited. Come and get some little needed article from our travelling basket.

Mr. Ivan Archibald's little boy was quite badly hurt while playing ball last Tuesday. We understand he fell while running on the bases and broke some bones in his face. Dr. Greenberg took the unfortunate lad to the Wainwright hospital for treatment, returning home with the youngster the same evening.

W. M. S. REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the W.M.S. was held in the church last Thursday. Something special in the line of meetings is being planned for June and July.

Although the attendance was small, Mrs. Reeds' report from Calgary was most interesting and helpful.

The June meeting will be at usual on the third Thursday in June.



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Tuberculosis in Young
Women

Unlike the women of past generations, women today do not allow themselves to grow old. There is much to be commended in the manner in which the present-day woman remains young in spirit, in her actions and in her dress. Most women are, therefore, young women, but in this article we will consider those who are

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